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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants wish to call to the Examiner's attention the attached references, which generally relate to the present invention.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following co-pending, co-assigned U.S. Patent applications and the references cited therein: USSN, 09/876,432, filed June 7, 2001 and PCT Applications PCT/US01/07979, filed March 13, 2001 and PCT/US01/18157, filed June 5, 2001. Copies of these applications are enclosed herewith for consideration by the Examiner.

United States Patent No. 6,232,870 and PCT Application PCT/US01/07979, filed March 13, 2001 are referenced in the present application. The remaining documents are generally relevant to the state of the art.

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Applicants submit that the above references, whether taken alone or in combination with each other neither anticipate nor render obvious the present invention. Consideration of the foregoing in relation to the captioned application is respectfully requested.

Also enclosed is PTO Form FB-A820 listing each of the above references.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter L. Olson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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